

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

SB 2658 - HB 3227

March 2, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) to maintain at least one canine trained to detect contraband telecommunication devices at each correctional facility. Authorizes the Commissioner to maintain one canine to serve multiple facilities located in one county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 19, 2010, we issued a fiscal note reflecting *an increase in state expenditures of \$351,500/one-time and \$490,000/recurring*. After further research and discussions with DOC, the fiscal impact of this bill is as follows:

(CORRECTED)

**Increase State Expenditures - \$92,600/One-Time
\$103,500/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Currently the Department has drug detection dog teams in every county where it operates a prison except for Shelby and Bledsoe Counties. After further research, it has been determined that a drug detection dog can be cross-trained to detect cell phones. As a result, the Department will require two additional dog teams rather than nine.
- According to DOC, there are no local law enforcement training programs available to train these canines and the Department would have to rely on a private vendor.
- DOC would require additional canine teams for Shelby and Bledsoe Counties.
- Two additional positions would be required at a recurring cost of \$71,622 which reflects salaries of \$53,340 (\$26,670 x 2) plus benefits of \$18,282 (\$9,141 x 2). Recurring expenditures of \$31,900 reflect travel costs to attend training courses, rental fees, and maintenance fees charged by the Department of General Services for vehicles to transport the canines (\$23,360), supplies (\$6,900), and other related costs (\$1,640).
- Total recurring expenditures of \$103,522 (\$71,622 + \$31,900).
- One-time expenditures of \$78,200 reflect supplies (\$25,600), equipment (\$23,500 per vehicle x 2 = \$47,000), cost of dogs and the initial training course for each officer (\$3,800), and other related costs (\$1,800).

- Additional one-time costs for cross-training of existing dog teams of \$2,400 each (\$1,000 per team for training + \$1,400 for hotel and related travel expenses per team). Total one-time costs for cross-training of the existing drug dog teams of \$14,400 (\$2,400 x 6).
- Total one-time expenditures of \$92,600 (\$78,200 + \$14,400).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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